

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17 are pending in the present application; Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15, and 18-20 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; and Claims 2, 9, and 16 are amended by the present amendment. Support for the amendment is found in the original Claims 1, 8, and 10, respectively. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15, and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Miyazawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,592,613) and Claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17 were objected to for being dependent upon rejected base claims, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. Claims 2, 9, and 16 have been rewritten in independent form and Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15 and 18-20 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15, and 18-20 is moot.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

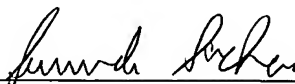
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